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Wisconsin National Guard's new Rapid Reaction Force has first exercise Sunday

The Wisconsin National Guard's new Rapid Reaction Force will conduct its first exercise Sunday [Sept. 12] in Green Bay. The Rapid Reaction Force was established in August to deter terrorist acts or respond to terrorist incidents in Wisconsin.

The Rapid Reaction Force is made up of soldiers from 2nd Battalion, 127th Infantry, drawn from the battalion's armories in Appleton, Waupun, Ripon, Green Bay, Fond du Lac and Marinette. The battalion can provide forces in two packages: a 125-soldier force capable of a speedy initial response anywhere in the state, and a larger force of up to 375 additional soldiers who can respond within 24 hours, if needed, to sustain operations for days after an initial response.

The Sunday exercise will test the 125-soldier initial force, which will be assembled at battalion armories in the morning before moving to Northeast Wisconsin Technical College in Green Bay in the afternoon. The soldiers will secure the campus, establish and operate checkpoints, conduct security patrols, and react to various exercise scenarios.

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EDITORS AND NEWS DIRECTORS: News media are welcome to cover the exercise in Green Bay Sunday [Sept. 12]. Northeast Wisconsin Technical College is located at 2740 West Mason Street, Green Bay. Enter the campus at the Country Club Road entrance (between Parking F and Parking G).

News media may cover the exercise in Green Bay from 12:45 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. There will not be news media opportunities at any of the battalion's armories.

Reaction Force soldiers, senior military officials and National Guard public affairs officers will be available during the exercise up until 2:00 p.m.

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